

FDR PROMISES FULL AID FOR THE FILIPINO

President Assures Commonwealth That Freedom Is Coming

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15. — (AP) — President Roosevelt tonight assured the people of the Philippines, on the eighth anniversary of the establishment of the Philippine Commonwealth, that the United States is working and fighting "for the day when the Japanese army is totally defeated."

The presidential message was made public in a radio address broadcast by Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy, former governor general of the Philippines, who said he had "a strong conviction" that if the Japanese are in the Philippines next November 15 "their days in the islands will be of brief number."

In a message to Justice Murphy, the president said:

"Today, on this anniversary, and every day that shall pass until the Japanese enemy is finally and totally defeated, the American people send messages of hope and faith to you, the gallant people of the Philippine Commonwealth.

"We work and we fight for the day of your liberation — for the day when your government shall be restored to Manila — when you shall enjoy the true freedom and independence and national dignity which you have so fully earned."

A big university is offering a course in basic Chinese. The man at the next desk wonders if launching tickets or a Chinese restaurant menu wouldn't make a good text book.



T. M. Jeffords, Jr., baker first class, United States Navy, is spending thirty days leave with his mother, Mrs. C. O. Smith, 1822 Carolina avenue. It is his first visit here in three years. Jeffords is now stationed at Alameda, Calif.

REPORTS
Pvt. Luther O. Russell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Russell, has reported at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., to begin training as a pre-flight aviation cadet. He is a graduate of New Hanover High school and studied one year at N. C. State college.

REPORTS TO COLLEGE
Aviation Student Ramsey E. Hale, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hale of 405 Wright street, has reported to the 22nd College Training Detachment Air Crew, Canesius College, Buffalo, N. Y. Hale was graduated from New Hanover High school and prior to entering the Army in 1942 he was employed by the N. C. Shipbuilding company. For the past year he was an aviation mechanic at Shaw Field, S. C.

RETURNS TO POST
William Ernest Lewis, aviation machinist's mate second class, has returned to his post at San Diego, Calif., after spending seven days with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lewis of Winabow, he received his training at Norfolk, Va., in 1941, after which he was assigned to the Hornet and later transferred to the Saratoga. He participated in the battles of Midway, Coral Sea and Guadalcanal. He received the President's citation for his part in the battle of Midway.

PROMOTED
James E. Walters, who is now stationed somewhere in England, has been promoted from corporal to the grade of sergeant. His mother is Mrs. Lezzie Walters of Orrum. Sergeant Walters was employed by the Travelers Oil company as an automobile serviceman prior to his entry into the U. S. Army Air Force. He is now serving with a Liberator Bomber Division of the Eighth Air Force engaged in transportation work. He has been overseas a little over a year.

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Soldier Grooms His Grieving Dog



Pvt. Franklin E. Higgins, who obtained a special furlough from Camp Crowder, Mo., to visit his grieving dog, Pal, 17 years old, at his home in Albany, N. Y., arrived while the dog was still alive and immediately comforted the animal. Pal, grief stricken since his master was inducted last July, grew weaker as time passed and in recent days virtually refused to eat. (AP Wirephoto)

Germans Send More Men Into Battle For Leros

BY MARSLAND GANDER REPRESENTING THE ALLIED PRESS
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LEROS ISLAND, Nov. 14. — (Delayed) — German parachute troops who landed on this Dodecanese island's hillsides yesterday were reinforced at dawn today by others who dropped through the furious fire of many machine guns.

The Nazis suffered many casualties. I saw a Junkers transport hit squarely by Bofors fire and fall into the sea.

German landing craft, creeping into Alinda bay in the half light of morning, were heavily machine-gunned and bombed from the over-looking height. The air was filled with the red streamers of tracers. One craft blew up in a great, mushroomed explosion.

The German plan was for the parachute troops to cut the island in half, seizing the waist between Alinda and Gurna bays. There have been no further landings by sea-borne enemy troops this morning and the stubbornly-fighting English and Italian

defenders are greatly encouraged by the appearance of RAF Beau-fighters to drive off enemy fighters and dive bombing our positions. (Dispatches from Cairo Monday said that the situation on Leros had improved slightly within the previous 24 hours and that Italian forces were fighting well alongside their British allies.

(The German hold on the strategic waist has been weakened, according to the Cairo reports, and the Germans have suffered substantial losses in dead and wounded. Long-range RAF fighters and bombers continued to come through in support of the defenders.)

Nine German planes have been claimed shot down to date by one Bofors ack-ack gun.

Leros is only eight miles long and you must watch your step in moving about, since the air is full of bullets and bombs fall with monotonous regularity. The Italian shore batteries are still firing though they have been dive-bombed for three solid days by the Stukas.

ATTENDING SCHOOL
Lieut. Daniel G. Campbell, of 316 North Sixteenth street, is now attending the Antiaircraft Artillery school at Camp Davis.

RECEIVES RATING
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Mine Workers' Journal Interprets Agreement As Victory

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15. — (AP) — The United Mine Workers Journal, today interpreted the recent coal wage agreement, which ended the union's fourth strike, as a partial victory, and at the same time suggested that public members of the War Labor Board resign.

"After eight months of battling strongly entrenched opposition, embracing the greatest intrigue between operators, governmental forces, and the public press that has ever before combined to assault honest wage considerations for the working men of the nation, the UMWA has succeeded in establishing the principle of portal to portal pay," said the Journal. "The achievement does not represent the full attainment of the premise of the Fair Labor Standards Act, but it does pave the way for an ultimate victory on this fundamental, vital question."

The editorial concluded with discussion of the WLB saying: "American labor wants and demands a labor board personnel in whom honest working men can place confidence. American labor wants the board left free from Administration political domination, free to judiciously determine the wage issues presented to them. American labor will be satisfied with nothing less. The little steel formula is dead. The WLB has lost face."

The agreement ending the coal strike was reached by Secretary of Interior Ickes, as government operator of the mines, and UMW President John L. Lewis. In a speech to 29 coal producers, Ickes said today that the mines would be returned to their owners immedi-

PUBLIC HEARING SET

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15. — (AP) — Chairman Truman (D-Mo) of the Senate War Investigating Committee disclosed tonight that he will start public hearings next week into the expenditure of \$130,000,000 of United States funds on an oil project at Whitehorse, Canada.

Senator Truman said Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes and Lieut. General Brehon Somervell, head of the Army Services of Supply, would be among those questioned as to why the United States will not retain, after the war, the oil discovered as a result of its expenditures.

The project, known as the Canol oil project, includes wild-cattling for oil, drilling of oil wells, laying a pipeline across "apparently unexplored parts of Canada, constructing a refinery and erecting numerous other facilities," Truman's formal statement asserted.

ately if the owners and the union agree on a contract.

"I doubt, however, he added, that I would be permitted by this coal-hungry nation to terminate government possession when many citizens feel that this would again result in the probability that, once the mines got back into the hands of their owners, widespread stoppages would occur again."

USO WILL HELP WITH MAIL RUSH

Club Arranges To Handle Packages For Christmas Season

The mailing of Christmas packages, in addition to wrapping service, is a new aid which will be available to service men and women this season by the Second and Orange USO, according to an announcement made Monday by Dr. Terry Osborne, director of the club.

Formerly gift and mail wrapping service have been offered, but starting Wednesday, November 17, Christmas packages may be brought to this club where they will be weighed, insured and left for immediate mailing by a post official who will collect them.

Miss Frances Sheltman, assistant director of the club, is taking a short training course at the local post office under the direction of Postmaster Wilbur Doshier in order to learn the methods. She will serve as mail clerk for a short time to gain experience af-

ter which she will instruct other members of the USO staff.

The mailing window will be open all day and until 11 p. m. each night, including Sunday, thus giving service people the advantage of mailing their packages at their leisure time.

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